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MR. CHANCELLOR, MR. GOVERNOR, MR. MAYOR, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. MY WIFE BETTY AND I ARE DELIGHTED TO BE IN AUSTRIA TODAY--EVEN THOUGH I FEAR WE HAVE MISSED THIS YEAR'S SKI SEASON. WE ARE ESPECIALLY PLEASED TO HAVE COME TO SALZBURG WHERE, 30 YEARS AGO, OUR COUNTRYMEN HELPED YOU IN THE LIBERATION AND REBUILDING OF AUSTRIA.

THE REBUILDING OF AUSTRIA HAS BEEN A GREAT SUCCESS. IT IS REFLECTED NOT ONLY IN THE STABILITY AND PROSPERITY OF MODERN-DAY AUSTRIA, BUT IN THE IMPORTANT AND USEFUL ROLE YOUR COUNTRY PLAYS IN EUROPEAN AND, INDEED, WORLD AFFAIRS. THE HOSPITALITY YOU ARE SHOWING US TODAY, IN OFFERING THIS BEAUTIFUL CITY AS A SITE FOR IMPORTANT DISCUSSIONS ON A MATTER OF VITAL IMPORTANCE TO US ALL, REFLECTS BOTH THE ROLE OF AUSTRIA IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS AND THE TRADITIONAL WARMTH AND COURTESY OF THE AUSTRIAN NATION.

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MR. CHANCELLOR, I KNOW FROM OUR PRIVATE TALKS

DURING YOUR RECENT VISIT TO WASHINGTON OF YOUR OWN
DEVOTION AND EFFORTS TO REACHING PEACEABLE SOLUTIONS
TO INTERNATIONAL CONFLICTS. THE DESIRES OF THE AMERICAN
GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE ARE THE SAME. I HOPE THAT IN
THIS ENCHANTING CITY WE CAN MAKE PROGRESS TOWARDS
THAT GOAL.

THANK YOU. BUCHANAN

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